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SUBJ: FISCHER VISIT AND BERLIN

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1. TASS STATEMENT ON BERLIN (IZVESTIYA JUNE 3 AND REF A), TOGETHER WITH PUBLISHED MATERIALS FROM GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW, WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE DE-ESCALATING THEIR PUBLIC CAMPAIGN ON BERLIN. THIS IS THE VIEW HELD BY THE FRG EMBASSY HERE, WHICH THINKS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOW LIKELY TO KEEP FAIRLY QUIET ON BERLIN, SO AS NOT TO ROCK THE CSCE BOAT.

2. AS NOTED IN REF B, SOVIET MEDIA EXCISED THE THREAT IN  
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THE NEUES DEUTSCHLAND EDITORIAL. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING

THAT ND CARRIED THE JUNE 2 TASS STATEMENT BEFORE THE SOVIET PRESS DID; IT DID NOT SURFACE IN PRINT HERE UNTIL IZVESTIYA CAME OUT THE EVENING OF JUNE 3. MOREOVER, THE TONE OF THE TASS STATEMENT IS NOT PARTICULARLY HOSTILE; NOR DOES THE STATEMENT ALLEGE A VIOLATION OF THE QA. GROMYKO'S TOAST AT HIS LUNCH FOR FISCHER (PRAVDA JUNE 4) SUBMERGES CRITICISM OF EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE QA IN A PASSAGE WHICH ALSO RAILS AGAINST ATTEMPTS TO HEAT UP THE ARMS RACE AND LAUNCH IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSIONS AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY. AND THE GROMYKO-FISCHER COMMUNIQUE (PRAVDA, SAME DAY) CONTAINS NO CRITICAL COMMENTS ON THE QA BUT SIMPLY NOTES ITS IMPORTANCE TOGETHER WITH THE FRG'S EASTERN TREATIES.

3. AS THE WEST GERMANS HERE SEE IT, THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN EMBARRASSED BY THE RENEWED ATTENTION THAT THE KISSINGER-GENSCHER VISIT HAS GIVEN TO FRG-BERLIN LINKS AND TO WESTERN GUARANTEES TO BERLIN. ACCORDING TO THIS FRG THEORY, THE SOVIETS COULD NOT AVOID MAKING A RESPONSE BUT, BECAUSE OF CSCE, THEY DO NOT HAVE MUCH STOMACH FOR A PROLONGED PUBLIC DEBATE. THUS, THEY MAY HAVE USED THE FISCHER VISIT TO TRY TO CALM GDR RHETORIC. THIS LINE OF REASONING STRIKES US AS LOGICAL. IT TAKES ON SOME WEIGHT FROM THE FACT THAT, IN HIS TOAST, GROMYKO MOVED FROM A DISCUSSION OF BERLIN DIRECTLY TO AN APPEAL FOR AN EARLY CSCE SUMMIT.  
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